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Interim to be dropped

With the start of second semester, most students and faculty members are attending classes for the first time in 6 weeks. What has been an extended vacation for most and "the only way I make it from semester to semester," according to others, is unfortunately coming to an end.

The decision to discontinue interim at Avila was made earlier this year following a task force investigation, a move which is becoming more common as colleges and universities across the country are moving away from the concept of an interim or intersession.

The interim, which generally ran throughout the month of January, was designed to allow departments the freedom of offering one hour courses on subject areas not generally covered during the regular semester.

The task force recommended that interim be closed after concluding that the facilities were not being utilized to their best potential for that time of year. According to Dean Scott this did not translate into money, but into a variety of reasons.

"In essence we are taking the three weeks in January and we're putting them at the end of May," Scott said. "Money is generally not a major consideration unless the cost of offering it to the students becomes prohibitive."

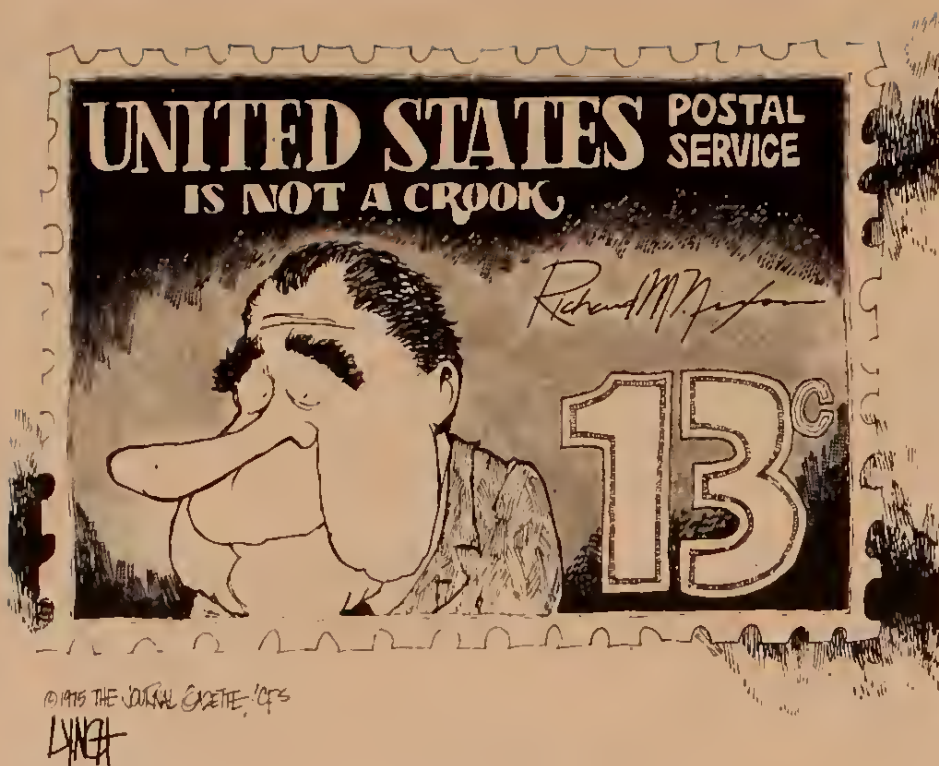
One of the major considerations that went into the decision to drop interim was the declining student interest. Only a small percentage of students took advantage of Avila's last interim.

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Winter's still here . . .

Ice covered fenceposts remind us that although Spring is just around the corner, Winter is still here.



IN OUR OPINION

Not right solution

You would think that 111 seats from which the press could watch the Patty Hearst trial would easily be sufficient. That's a lot of press. A good case could even be made that 1 seat would be excessive, since the circus so far has mainly demonstrated the unique ability of American journalism to create an end-of-the-world story out of a footnote to boredom.

But 111 seats were assigned. Even so, there was a pushing-shoving melee on opening day, as the press fought for ringside views. "I hate pushing over old ladies," one athletic newsgal admitted, as she claimed one of the 111.

The upshot, however, was the judge kicked out all the reporters as he questioned the prospective jurors. His solution followed a recent trend in which the judge decides that secrecy in trials has great advantages (especially to judges).

The newspaper reporters' barbarity and the preoccupation by the press with such inconsequential events make it easy for a judge. He can rationalize the experience of centuries and return the people's courts to the secret trial chambers of medieval history.

A far more perceptive judge, however, would have recognized the experience of those centuries that secret trials, or secret selection of jurors, is a process which encourages substantially more abuse of the judicial system than barbaric reporters ever could have created. The latter problem easily could have been corrected by disciplining unruly and barbaric individuals.

Even more important, however, is public recognition that the courts and the judicial system are far too important to be left to the arbitrary control of judges.

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Tired of waiting

To the Nuns at Avila College;

Something that has been bewildering me ever since I came to Avila is why the Nuns feel that because they are Nuns they have the right to cut into the cafeteria line and force the rest of us to wait even longer for our turn. I don't know how this affects the rest of the students in line, but I think you are taking advantage of the situation. No one would mind if it happened once in a while, but it's every day! It's like a convention. You form a line and one by one you all manage to squeeze in. I'm not trying to sound hostile, but why don't you go to the back of the line once and show a little consideration for others. I am not Catholic, but I don't look at the religious, rather as a matter of consideration which is due all people. SIGNED, NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST.

Wants to see
probationary period

To the Editor of the Phoenix;

In May of 1975 I learned I was one of the lucky students to receive an Avila scholarship. This past semester I lost it, forever, because Avila doesn't have a probationary period on its scholarships or grants.

Why is this so?

Is it reasonable to revoke a scholarship when an individual's GPA drops below 3.0 without first considering that individual's academic past and the circumstances surrounding the semester in question? Especially when their cumulative GPA remains above 3.0. One semester of a below 3.0 GPA does not necessarily reflect the student's entire academic future.

The loss of my scholarship has very definitely affected my changes of attending Avila next semester. I would like to thank the people who are trying to help me through this situation, but I know the same thing must have happened to other students in the past. I think that this policy should be changed to allow for a probationary period before it hurts the chances of other students in the future who wish to continue their education.

KRIS BLOSSER PATTON

Nursing a success

To the Nursing Students;

As co-chairpersons of the ASNO, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the work accomplished by our members which made our first semester a huge success. Plans are looking good for the second semester in both the ASNO and the MoSNO. There are lots of exciting opportunities available for our members and we would like to encourage all members and non-members to come to our first meeting. Now is the time.

BRENDA KERN AND LUCY KNAPP

Avila job prospects both good and bad

The prospects for future jobs are grim. Or, the prospects for future jobs are bright. It all depends on what survey you happen to pick up.

Or does it? Donna Wilson of Avila's placement center questions.

"The economy has made jobs harder to get, but the jobs are still there," Wilson commented. "A large number of jobs go unfilled each year because today's graduates lack the most basic job hunting skills."

According to the College Placement Council's recent

results of a survey it conducted, projected job openings for 1976 will be five per cent lower than those available in 1975, a year in which 18 per cent fewer college graduates were hired than in the previous year.

Directly opposite to this is Northwestern University's annual Endicott report. According to the Endicott report the job market has opened up somewhat for the first time since 1974, although it is still tight. The report shows an overall 9 per cent rise in the demand for bachelor degree graduates, with an 11 per cent increase for those with masters degrees.

Those who graduate in June, the report states, will have an excellent chance to find some employment, although 25 per cent of the graduates may find themselves in positions for which they are "overqualified."

"Graduates are more often forced to accept jobs for which they are overqualified because they lack job hunting skills," Wilson said, "rather than because of the lack of jobs available."

Students are unfamiliar with resumes, interview techniques, and even simple courtesy, according to Mary Alice Neusome of Hallmark Card's College Relations Office. Most applicants are unfamiliar with what a company does with some applicants even expecting to be hired over the phone.

The National Alliance of businessmen feel that job hunting skills are just as important as any degree someone might receive. "Everyone looks good on paper," one businessman commented. "We're looking for someone with polish."

Part of the polish that businessmen are looking for are typically the things that throw the unprepared applicant. Most applicants are unable to communicate what their goals and objectives are.

"We don't want to hire someone who doesn't know what they're looking for in a job or why they feel they could be of some benefit to our company," another businessman commented. "With the economy the way it is we can afford to be choosy with who we hire."



Stocking up . . .

Mary Orrick stacks a new shipment of books in the bookstore. The bookstore assures students that they will be able to get the required texts that they need, but night students may find other supplies difficult to get as the semester progresses.

Students under the boot in Argentina

(CPS) — Things are tough for students all over the world, but nowhere are they tougher than in Argentina. There, according to the French newspaper, *Le Monde*, a reign of terror is underway that has seen armed police violently take over the nation's campuses and conduct what the paper called a "witch hunt" for leftist students and professors.

Le Monde reports that it is not unusual for a carload of armed undercover police to kidnap students and teachers in broad daylight. Their "bullet-riddled bodies are found the next day on the road to the airport," the paper says.

Boogie woogie bonfire

(CPS) — About \$2200 worth of rock records went up in smoke recently in the name of God and morality in Tallahassee, Fl.

Rev. Charles Boykin, youth director at Lakewood Baptist Church and organizer of the record fueled bonfire, said he had been shown statistics claiming that "of 1000 girls who became pregnant out of wedlock, 984 committed fornication while rock music was being played." He couldn't remember the source of those statistics, however.

Boykin arranged the bonfire after prayer services at the Baptist church. He asked teen-agers to bring along records they felt unleashed carnal urges.

'Banker's hours' for bookstore

(Ed. Note: This is the first semester.

of a three part series that will investigate the effectiveness of the Avila bookstore in meeting the needs of the student population.

If you're a late afternoon or evening student attending Avila this semester you had better get your books and supplies within the first two weeks or you may end up doing some make-shift shopping to get what you want. The Avila College bookstore, located in lower Marian Centre, will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. for "two or three weeks," according to Jo Pavich Avila's bookstore manager, but after that the bookstore will be keeping 'banker's hours,' closing at 3:30 daily.

The problem of what kind of service to offer students and faculty and still be able to meet expenses has caused many bookstores to be the recipient of much student criticism. Bookstore hours vary from campus to campus, but most attempt to offer hours of service for all students throughout the

semester. Avila's bookstore closes at 3:30 each day out of habit. The bookstore closed at 3:30 several years ago when Pavich became manager and the closing hour has remained since, although Avila's enrollment has more than doubled in that same period of time.

"We've always closed at 3:30," explained Pavich. Evening hours are eliminated after the initial two or three week period due to the declining traffic in the bookstore. Pavich feels that not enough students would take advantage of the bookstore to make it feasible to keep the bookstore open even one night a week, yet the bookstore has never done this on a regular basis.

The Johnson County Community College bookstore opens each semester in a manner similar to Avila's by offering services from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. for two weeks. After that, Joe Hentzen explains, our business drops off considerably. Not enough people come in to make it ad-

vantageous for us to maintain evening hours all week, Hentzen continues, but by offering two nights of service our evening traffic concentrates more on those two nights and it then becomes advantageous for us to stay open.

"Our profit margin isn't so demanding that we have to stay open 2 nights a week," Hentzen, manager of the bookstore said. "It would be a lot easier and more profitable if we eliminated our evening hours all together, but we're here to serve the student and faculty the best we can."

"I'd probably stay open at least one night a week even if I was losing money," JCCC's Hentzen continued. "I think the night students deserve some hours and I can't build up any clientele if I'm closed."

Service and hours are important factors to most bookstore managers; not how little but how much. If you can get into the bookstore, then in the next issue we will explore why the bookstore doesn't have what you're looking for at the right price.



Hungry actors . . .

Penelope Weiner gets slowly eaten in a scene from *Godspell*. The hungry actors are from left to right, Gail Fitzgibbons, Larry Morris, and Nancy White.

Harvard hoodwinked by bogus records

(CPS) — Just getting into Harvard Law School takes years of slaving to get that GPA into the stratosphere, admissions test scores that push the genius level and a lot of luck, right? Not for Spiro Marion Pavlovich III, also known as Jason Scott Cord.

Cord, or Pavlovich, is charged by Harvard officials with pulling the wool over admissions official's eyes twice between 1968 and 1973. They claim he buffaloes his way into the prestigious law school both times with forged transcripts from Tulane University and the University of New Orleans.

To add insult to injury, Cord or Pavlovich — Harvard still isn't sure what his real name is — received \$9300 in loans and scholarships from the school his first time around which was never

repaid.

When the FBI caught up with Pavlovich-Cord in December, he was charged with concealing his \$9300 in debts when applying for loans during his second stint in the law school.

The story pieced together so far by Harvard and the FBI goes like this: Spiro Marion Pavlovich III was admitted to Harvard's law school in 1968, allegedly with falsified transcripts indicating that he had graduated from Tulane. Harvard caught on in February of 1971, and forced Pavlovich to resign from the school.

In September of 1973, Pavlovich — who called himself Jason Cord this time — was admitted under a joint law school and business school program with a transcript from the University of New Orleans showing that he had graduated with honors in the summer of 1973. Most of the credits were transferred from Tulane however, and they are alleged to have been forged.

No rest for the wicked

(CPS) — Claiming that J. Edgar Hoover's name "should not be allowed to defame a public building," Colorado Representative Pat Schroeder introduced a bill proposing that the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building be renamed.

Schroeder said that recent disclosures in the Senate have proved Hoover to be a "sick individual, a bigot, who had no more respect for the law than the criminals he was supposed to be in charge of apprehending."

Harvard eventually linked the two students with each other after some help from FBI handwriting experts. Examination booklets written by Cord were compared with two letters signed by Pavlovich, and the conclusion was that the writing was done by the same person.

So far the case has been

heard by a federal magistrate who found probable cause that Cord filed false information on loan applications made during his second trip through the law school. The magistrate added that he didn't agree with Harvard's claim that Cord owed them more than \$9000.

The case was ordered held over for a federal grand jury on charges that the student lied on three federal student loan applications.

Meanwhile, Cord, who is free on \$10,000 bond, declared that his grades during four years of law school were "surprisingly good, considering the circumstances."

Cord had some charges of his own to make during the hearing, claiming that his performance in the law school proved that the admissions process is inadequate. He said that even some Harvard law professors contend that despite the admissions office dependence on grade point averages, they don't make much difference beyond a certain point. A student with a 3.3 GPA might make just as good a law student as one with a 3.7 GPA, he said.

The price for proving that in Cord's case could be a maximum of five years in jail, a \$10,000 fine or both for each of the three loan applications if he is found guilty.

Student play nearly ready

Interim, while proving to be an extended vacation for some has turned into a time of hard work for others. An example is the Theatre department, which has been rehearsing for two productions, one being 'Godspell' and the other "Bridge Club" written and directed by Diana Mange. 'Bridge Club' is a psychological drama about four women and a game of Bridge. It is a play on characters, going further than an extrinsic level, probing into the psyche of the varied personalities.

The four women Michelle (Mike), Jon Marie (Jonny), Roberta (Robby) and Denise (Denny) represent three social attitudes; Jonny is the passivist, Robby, the pessimist, and Denny, the idealist. Michelle is a combination of all three attitudes and shows the ambivalence of society. The dialogue concurrently lays traps for and provides releases from psychological social pressures.

The sets have a very modern look, somewhat abstract in concept. In design, essence was sought with no unnecessary frills to distract, with color being of utmost importance, giving

everything a stark and barren appearance. Harsh and sharp lighting is used to further perpetuate the sense of barrenness.

'Bridge Club' is a comment on society, but more than this it is a comment on ourselves, who are the architectural elements of this super-structure we call society.

'Bridge Club' will be performed on February 5, 6, and 7 in the Actors Laboratory Theatre. Admission is \$1.00, with Avila students admitted free. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. nightly.

New way to beat the snow

They used to use toboggans or an old piece of hand fashioned metal when they went sledding after a fresh snow. Then came the era of the metal runner, but two Avila students have devised the latest in sledding innovations. The pair went sledding on two plastic trays over the recent snowstorm. When asked if they thought trays might revolutionize sledding one of them commented, "I don't think so. It's too hard to stay on."

Cut cauliflowers to conserve energy

(CPS) — During the next energy crunch, unfuelish families will cut gas consumption as well as trimming cauliflower, tomatoes and melons from their diets.

The reason, according to scientists at the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station, is that high levels of energy consumption go into bringing those foods to the table.

They claim that it takes as much energy to build a family car as is needed to grow an acre of cauliflower. The scientists estimate that up to 20 barrels of oil are used to cultivate cauliflower and bring it to the marketplace.

In comparison, field crops such as wheat, oats and corn need only four barrels of oil per acre to bring them to maturity.

Placement office at Avila

Counseling and Related Services has recently announced the development of a placement center at Avila. The new service will offer students a selection of company and career literature and graduate school information.

A workshop on "How to Use the Placement Office" has been set for Monday, February 16 through Friday,

February 19 from 10-11 a.m. in the group room of the Counseling and Related Services Center. Some of the opportunities available to registrants will be; on campus interviews, resume writing, application preparation, job hunting techniques, interview techniques, and a bi-monthly announcement of current job openings sent to your home.

fine arts



Tempting tulip . . .

Portraying a flower, Penelope Weiner finds herself under attack from Larry Morris, left, and Chris Moudy, right.

Godspell to be produced

By Larry Morris

The late 60's and early 70's saw the rise of the 'flower children'—the age of the hippie, those free spirits that preached love and humanity; getting back to nature (especially human).

Many young people turned to simpler more basic principles looking for foundations upon which to stand. They crusaded for peace on earth, human rights, and sought a simpler more basic religion, bring the 'Jesus freaks' forth as a sect of the Christian community. "Godspell" is a musical which captures the enthusiasm, love, joy, and humor of this section of our society.

The play, which is based on the "Gospel according to St. Matthew" opens with a presentation of the 'Tower of Babel' with each cast member portraying a different voice from history. From here it moves quickly into a fountain of color, song, and movement, with Jesus and his followers retelling familiar scriptural passages with light-hearted enthusiasm. A festive attitude prevails, ending the first act with an invitation to the audience to share wine and conversation with the cast.

In the second act the mood changes from light to serious as the crucifixion nears. The simplicity of the portrayal of the last days of Jesus' life establishes the tension which culminates in the crucifixion and the final moment when the disciples carry the Master away singing "Long Live God" and "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord".

When Tebelak was asked if there was any special reason for choosing the name "Godspell" he replied; "The word godspell is the Old English for gospel and is reminiscent of the medieval morality plays." With this play Tebelak intends

to "weave God's spell over the audience."

To David Frantze, the set and lighting designer, the theme of the show is "order out of chaos". And the set, consisting of structured elements, in fact shows order by the use of scaffolding and bridges and twenty foot silvered mylar panels to reflect light. Frantze says he sees 'Godspell' as a "bright show" following the theme "The Light of the World" and plans to have the show brightly lit, which will multiply the light-heartedness of the cast under the enthusiastic and witty directorship of Roger Atwell.

Atwell has developed an atmosphere where the actor "plays at performing" giving newness to such well known parables and incidents from scripture as the prodigal son, the great flood, the parable of the sower, and the woman taken in adultery.

"Godspell" creates a sense of timelessness which, through the youthful exuberance of the cast, disarms while at the same time engages the audience.

The musical score of the play provides a whole range of entertainment from the day of vaudeville with "All for the Best" to the country hoe-down sound of "We Beseech Thee" on to such rock numbers as "You are the Light of the World" to favorites like "Day by Day"—all under the skillful leadership of Nancy Sparks, director of music.

The material of "Godspell" is presented in anything but a conventional way, but in the words of Mr. Tebelak, "that is just the point. The Church has become so dull and pessimistic; it has to reclaim its joy and hope. I see 'Godspell' as a celebration of life."

'Godspell' will be performed on February 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for children and students, Avila students free.

New liturgical courses to be offered

Avila College's new Beginning on Tuesday, "Church Music Program" is February 3, from 7 to 8 p.m. adding three new evening will be "Voice Class"; In-courses for the Spring semester, designed to attract musician and teacher in the persons already involved in Kansas City area. The one-liturgical music who feel the need of more and updated preparation.

Auditions to be held

The Music Department at Avila College has announced that it will be hosting the Kansas City District Auditions of the Metropolitan Opera. The Metropolitan Opera has been holding auditions annually since 1958 and has helped make it possible for young singers in all parts of the country to be heard and aided in their careers.

A winner will be selected by a representative of the Opera and will be sent expenses paid to New York for the Semi-finals to be held in March of this year.

The auditions will be held on Saturday afternoon, 12:30, January 31.

The other two classes will begin on Thursday, February 5. "Choral Conducting" will meet from 5:40 to 7:20 p.m., led by Robert I. Blanchard, founder and executive director of Composers Forum for Catholic Worship. The fee for the two-hour course is \$70. "Music in Contemporary liturgy" will convene from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and carry the same fee. The instructor will be Robert Thompson, president of the St. Cecilia Guild for Sacred Music and member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. The course is concerned mainly with music published since Vatican II, and will be especially helpful in preparation for the Lenten, Easter and Pentecost seasons which fall within the spring session.

If parishes or schools are interested in sending students for non-credit (no official records are kept) the price is only \$40 for "Choral Conducting" or "Music in Contemporary Liturgy".

Student sex soured Hoover

(CPS) — Sex is the latest addition to the list of student activities that former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover tried to stamp out.

Information uncovered by the Senate Intelligence Committee recently revealed that Hoover authorized FBI agents to forge letters from parents to protest "free love" at the University of Texas.

Hoover, angered by a news report describing students' sex lives at the Texas school, approved letters forged on locally obtained stationary that would protest such goings-on at a state supported school. The letters were sent to regents as well as state senators, pretending to be from irate parents who were considering sending their children to the University of Texas.

Less Pre-Med cheating at Avila

The chemistry lab was deserted. The pre-med student had been working all night on an experiment that would mean one fourth of his grade, a grade that could take his GPA out of the competition for medical school. The experiment

How to survive in the dark

(CPS) — All these years, you've been a nervous wreck whenever all the lights went out. You've refused to take the garbage out after sunset. At night, you leave the light in the bathroom on—just in case.

There's help for people who are scared of the dark — the Psychological Services Department at the University of South Carolina is sponsoring a special program for students who get cold chills thinking about an empty house.

"Many adults are afraid of the dark and are afraid to admit it," Dr. Mervyn Wagener of the psychology department said. The South Carolina program will help participants to understand they "are not alone."

Wagener attributes feelings of fear in the dark to news coverage of perverse happenings and "a large kernel is present from childhood," he said. Apprehension could stem from childhood fears and some people "just have not been alone that much," he said.

Two students who will be coordinating the program emphasized that no "punitive measures" would be used. "We're not going to take people into the dark and try and scare them," one said.

Temper of the times

(CPS) — In honor of Leland Stanford, Stanford University's 19th century capitalist, railroad mogul founder, University students have decided to change their team's nickname from the Indians to the Robber Barons.

The name 'Indians' was discarded after 40 years, when American Indian students said they found the name and the caricature offensive.

botched gain, there was only one thing to do: lower the grading curve. He picked up a vial of clear solution and began adding it at random to other students' experiments.

With applications to medical schools skyrocketing, sabotage and cheating in pre-med courses have become standard fare at some colleges. "Pre-med students have less than a 50-50 chance of getting into medical school," commented an official of the American Association of Medical Colleges. "It's no secret that some of the students feel that cheating is necessary to protect their futures."

Cheating isn't as noticeable at Avila because of the relatively small size of the school's department, according to Dr. Larry Sullivan Avila's pre-med advisor. "Our problem isn't as serious as it is in some schools," Sullivan said. "Our cheating is generally on a much smaller scale. I'd say over half of our students are honest."

Because of an increase in cheating, particularly in the science courses required of pre-med students, large numbers of colleges are being

forced to revise their policy towards cheating. Avila College has recently revised its old policy with a new tougher one that contains measures for enforcing academic honesty.

Cheating techniques can run the gamut from cribbing and copying during examinations to such extremes as students deliberately altering other students' lab experiments in order to gain a competitive edge in class standings.

Aside from altered experiments, another popular cheating tactic is stealing library books needed for the identification of chemical compounds. This prevents "correct analysis of unknowns and causes a lot of hassles," reported a senior pre-med student.

At Ohio State University, several pre-med students have reported stolen lab notebooks, or notebooks "borrowed" just before grading and returned with lab reports torn out.

No one expects that the thieves will be caught. "Most cheating isn't even reported," said an Ohio State biology professor. "Students aren't willing to turn in other

students."

Part of the problem in stopping pre-med cheating is the penalty for the crime. "To fail a kid in a course, especially in a pre-professional school is like a sentence for life because it means they will never make it into law or medical school," said an Ohio State student. "Profs know that and some even look the other way."

Although most school officials direct their attention to the almost hopeless cause of weeding out offenders, others believe cheating indicates underlying problems in the criteria medical schools use to screen applicants.

"Whenever a student's GPA becomes accentuated to this degree you can expect cheating to occur," Avila's Dr. Sullivan said.

Albert Gelhorn, director of the Center for Biomedical Education at City College of New York agrees. "An obsession with GPA's is an unfortunate way to select new practitioners of medicine."

In 1970, according to Gelhorn, pre-med students from several universities told

him: "We cheat. We try to give wrong information to our colleagues. We sabotage chemistry experiments." Things are getting worse, Gelhorn tells us. Pre-med is a cutthroat business.

The solution to cheating, says Gelhorn, begins with a re-examination of medical education. "We shouldn't be looking for someone who does well in organic chemistry—something the practicing physician rarely uses—but someone with a concern for taking care of people."

Transactional Analysis

An introduction to TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS with emphasis on Social and Communication Training will be offered by Jay Bopp. This program will begin on February 11, 1976 in the Counseling and Related Services Center Group Room from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

These 2 hour sessions will be open ended (e.g. will continue until the material is covered). Enrollment is limited to 10 people on a "first come first serve" basis. Please call extension 266 to reserve a spot.

Marriage dips as divorce jumps

(CPS) — Marriage is proving to be about as popular as unemployment these days, with the number of people deciding not to marry almost doubling in some age groups since 1970.

A Census Bureau report recently released on marriage and other living arrangements shows that as of last March, the number of persons between 25 and 34 who never married has risen by nearly 50 per cent since 1970. While 2.8 million people in that age group had never married in 1970, the figure in March of 1975 was 4.2 million persons.

When people do marry, they marry later in life, according to the Census figures. The median age at which men marry for the first time is 23.5 years, while the median age for women's first marriage is 21.2 years. The corresponding figures for 1970 showed that people

married slightly younger, with men marrying at 23.2 years and women at 20.8 years.

At the same time that fewer people are deciding to marry, more are beginning to realize that they don't want to continue to be married. The divorce rate is continuing the rapid rise that began in 1968. The divorce rate, according to provisional figures compiled by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has increased two percent over the 4.6 per thousand population mark in 1974.

What's behind an increase in divorces and drop in marriages? Census Bureau officials say they don't ask since they're a government agency and can't invade the privacy of people.

But Arthur Norton, chief of the Census Bureau's Marriage and Family Branch took a guess for the Washington Post, saying,

"When you think about it, it seems that perhaps a new set of values is being tried out and maybe established by young adults."

He said that instead of leaving home to marry and raise a family, more young people seem to be establishing a non-family

household after leaving home the first time, pursuing a career or education before deciding to raise a family.

Although it's assumed that these people will marry at a later date, Norton said, it may be that we will have a larger proportion staying single throughout their lives.

Student nurse assoc. begins second year

The Missouri Student Nurses Association (MoSNA) has begun its second year at Avila with two fund raising drives and plans for two spring conventions.

MoSNA is currently selling Clayton dual slopes and nurses slopes for \$14 — \$8.50 respectively and bumper stickers "Love a Nurse Stat" for \$1.

Avila will participate in the

District No. 2 and State conventions that will be held later this Spring in Jefferson City and Kansas City. Some of the issues that will be discussed are suicide, cancer nursing, and the results of the structure study.

Other opportunities available to MoSNA members include scholarships, the magazine Imprint, discounts, and the quarterly Nurses Notes.

Why Li can't write

(CPS) — Chinese educators have discovered a problem that haunts their U.S. counterparts as well — they are horrified that "people will be leaving the University without being able to read a book."

But where Americans have responded with indignation, Chinese educators asking a return to more hardheaded curriculum have been criticized for pushing a "bourgeois line" while leading the country down the "revisionist road."

The result has been a shootout between tradition-minded educators and radicals seeking to preserve the changes made in Chinese education during the Cultural Revolution.

In addition, the number of examinations given to students have been trimmed and degree requirements slashed so that two or three years of study will lead to a degree. Students also spend some of their school time in "open door schooling" or learning from workers in industry and communes.

Reports from the mainland indicate that no one is expelled for not meeting standards and no one repeats a year. University education is conducted under the maxim that "no class brothers will be left behind."

Who's Who

Eleven graduating seniors will be included in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. Listed in alphabetical order with their home towns and their majors, they are:

Margaret Christon, Denver, CO—Biology - Chemistry (double major); Barbara Duff, Littleton, CO—History; Gail Fitzgibbons, Denver, CO—Speech - Theatre; Ann Goldkamp, St. Louis, MO—Chemistry; Mary Ann

Hartman, Belleville, IL—Nursing; Jolene Johnson, Kansas City, MO—Psychology & Social Work; Marcia Lawler, Clare, IO—Business; Accounting; Linda Peoples, Higginsville, MO—Special Educ. ED-LD & Spec. Educ. MR. (double major); Mark Pickering, Shawnee Mission, KS—Psychology; Rebecca Spurlock, Florissant, MO—Special Educ.: M.R.; and Deborah White, Ralston, NB—Special Educ.: M.R.

Who's Who students excel in extracurricular activities and leadership as well as in academic study.

Interim

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Some of the other reasons sighted for the switch include students desire to graduate three weeks earlier, veterans will no longer need to recertify in February, more time for yearly instructional planning in May and the flexibility to experiment with two 8 week summer sessions.

Another thing students should be looking for, Scott tells us, is the development of more "mini" one hour courses and workshops.

ASNO looks ahead

Following a successful first semester, the ASNO at Avila College has announced its schedule for February. A complete second semester schedule will be available at the first meeting which will be held February 9, at 12:30 in room 423, Borserine. Information will be available on the quilt drawing which is scheduled for March 1. Membership cards will be available for all members and new members who are encouraged to attend.

February 11
February 13 & 14
February 21
February 25
February 28

District No. 2 meeting 7 p.m.
Hypertension Clinic
MoSNA Board Meeting — Jefferson City
ASNO meeting 12:30, room 423
Tour of Marion Lab 10:00



Maze
craze . . .

Glenda Dayani, senior art major, reaches for a high spot on the wall where she is painting part of her senior art project. The colored lines will eventually be used to direct students through the maze of tunnels at Avila.

Avila to crack down on student vets

The Veterans Administration is not popular in the world of academia this winter.

Some student veterans and school administrators are protesting a new Veterans Administration (VA) policy which will require schools to monitor the academic progress and class attendance of enrolled veterans.

The policy, which becomes effective February 1, was drafted because of recent findings of the misuse of millions of dollars of veterans' education benefits.

According to Larry Norwood, one of Avila's VA representatives, a veteran could enroll in classes, never attend a class, and drop the class just before the end of the semester; pocketing his benefit checks. When neither veteran nor college reported the veteran's change of status, the result was a compilation of "over-payments" totalling \$446 million for the nation last

year.

In an attempt to avoid such a fiasco this year, the VA now requires colleges either to keep a close watch on veterans or face losing their eligibility to enroll veterans—a penalty that would hit Avila hard.

Although the VA does not specifically require that colleges check veterans' daily attendance, most schools see no other way to comply with the regulations. Now colleges must choose between requiring attendance checks of all students or instituting a selective roll call in every class just for veterans. Avila is still in the process of developing its policy to meet these requirements.

"I don't feel that veterans should be singled out for roll call," Norwood said. "Roll call should be for everyone or for no one."

Yet across-the-board attendance rolls are anathema to liberal faculty and students who think attendance-taking

is "as obsolete as the little red school house," as one Avila student says.

"Roll-taking has been dead for years," agrees a professor at the University of Colorado. "I sure don't look forward to its resurrection."

In addition, most school administrators aren't looking forward to the additional paperwork the monitoring process will entail.

Disgruntled admissions officers are supported — emotionally at least — by the American Association of Colleges and Universities which, in a recent newsletter, advised colleges "having problems with the VA...to write their Congressmen and Senators."

Yet despite the dissatisfaction expressed by several school officials, the VA shows no signs of rescinding its new policy. "If schools want to enroll veterans," said one VA official, "they had better be ready to play watchdog."

sports

Avila upsets Jewel in final seconds

By Sue Divelbiss

Sinking two free throw shots with one second left in the game, John Wagner brought the Avila Avalanche to a 55-53 victory over the William Jewell Cardinals on Avila's home court. The victory was a major upset for the Cardinals who had led throughout most of the game.

The Cardinals came out strong in the first half, building a thirteen point lead in the first few minutes of the game. The Cardinals shot 100 per cent from the free throw line and 60 per cent from the field. Extensive fouling on the part of the Cardinals kept the Avalanche safely behind. Avila trailed 41-28 as the two teams left the court at half time.

The Avalanche picked up considerably in the second half, increasing their speed and only allowing the Cardinals to score 4 points from the field. Avila tied the Cardinals with 2:16 left on the time clock. This was the first such tie since the first minute of the game. The Cardinals

once again took the lead, but Guard, Dennis Joyce had 7 a lay-up by John Mc-

Manamon with 25 seconds left in the game tied the score 53-53. John Wagner was fouled at one second to bring the victory to Avila.

Forward, Jeff Gilmore was the leading scorer for the Avalanche with 24 points. 8-8.

assists.

Coach Waris was pleased with the outcome of the game. "It was the best victory we've ever had; a good team victory," Waris commented.

The win, their third in a row, brings Avila's record to 8-8.

Female jocks already cashing in on Title IX

(CPS) — While some schools dig in for battle over compliance with Title IX regulations requiring equal sports facilities for men and women, other schools have jumped the gun. As a result, increasing numbers of women are receiving athletic scholarships.

Nine women at Stanford University were recently awarded scholarships totaling over \$30,000 while UCLA is forking over \$57,000 to help 49 women in nine sports this year. Penn State

University will raise its total number of free rides from 18 to 30 in 1976 and the University of Texas is also planning on expanding its scholarship program for female athletes.

Although the Title IX guidelines do not take full effect until July, 1978, the University of Miami started offering scholarships to women in 1973. Since then, its women's swimming team has jumped from 18th place to first in national championships.



Tough two . . .

Dave Kerr grabs a rebound and muscled it back up for two against Ozark Bible College. Avila went on to win the game, 82-45.



Stick 'em up . . .

Rodney Todd reaches for the sky as an official calls him for a foul against Tarkio.

Avila drops Tarkio

Bringing their record to 9-8, the Avila Avalanche downed the Tarkio Owls 68-55 on the Avalanche's court. The game was the fourth victory in a row for Avila.

The first half was a display of exceptional defense and shooting on the part of both teams. After one tie and three lead changes in the first minutes, the Avalanche took the lead, retaining it throughout the rest of the game. Avila outrebounded and outshot Tarkio with 51.5 per cent from the field to take the lead at half 36-22.

The two teams returned for the second half keeping up the pace played thus far in the game. Avila managed to retain a thirteen to fifteen point lead by continuing to outshoot and outrebound Tarkio. Tarkio began to gain ground with 10 minutes left in the game bringing the score to 48-39. Avila regained their lead and a foul on Rodney Todd with 2:32 left hurt the Owls, giving Avila a fourteen point lead once again. The

remainder of the game was uncontested with Avila retaining their strong lead. Guard, Dennis Joyce was high scorer for Avila with 19 points. Forward, Jeff Gilmore was second with 10 points.

Coach Waris commented, "This is a big win for us. Tarkio is a contender for the Heart of America conference and is in the top 10. This places us up there right along with the rest of them."

Workout room delayed

Completion of the athletic workout room has been delayed again, at least for several more months. The designated facility, which is being converted from the old ALT dressing room at the end of the O'Reilly tunnel, stands in the way of a new boiler which will be installed later this year.

Two walls will have to be knocked out to enable the boiler to be moved in. One of the walls belongs to the workout facility.